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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Middle East (S/1998/1073)

Rwanda (S/1998/1096)

Haiti (S/1998/1064)

Other matters

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

(S/1998/1100, S/1998/1104 and S/1998/1112)*

(S/1998/1106 and S/1998/1108)

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. **68th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.35).

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45).

3 p.m. **69th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.35).

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45).

2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m. 40th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39

2. Sectoral policy questions [92]

(a) Business and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.6 and L.41

3. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93]

   (a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.12 and L.40

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.19 and L.42

   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.33 and L.43

   (g) Cultural development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

4. Training and research [96]

   (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32 and L.44

5. Programme planning [114] (A/53/16, A/53/6, (Programmes 18, 20 and 28) and A/C.2/53/5)

11.30 a.m.-12 noon	briefing	Conference Room 2

[Briefing by Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, on the outcome of the Fourth Conference of Parties to the United Nations Frame-work Convention on Climate Change, recently held in Buenos Aires, Argentina]

12 noon-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica) , Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.8 (Triennial policy review) (item 95); A/C.2/53/L.10 (Conventions on environment and development) (item 94); A/C.2/53/L.15 (Small island developing States) (item 94 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.16 (Convention to Combat Desertification) (item 94 (e)); A/C.2/53/L.17 (Implementing conventions related to environment) (item 94); A/C.2/53/L.21 (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme) (item 94); A/C.2/63/L.25 (Commitments undertaken at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly) (item 94 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.27 (Eradication of poverty) (item 98); and A/C.2/93/L.29 (Convention on Biological Diversity) (item 94 (d))

3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.31 (Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)) (item 93 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.36 (Renewal of the dialogue) (item 93 (d)); and A/C.2/53/L.45 (Thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund) (item 93 (f))

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.2 (External debt) (item 91 (d)); A/C.2/53/L.4 (Financial crisis) (item 91 (b)); A/C.2/ 53/L.5 (Commodities) (item 91 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.20 (Globalization and interdependence) (item 91); A/C.2/53/L.26 (International trade and development) (item 91 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.34 (Landlocked States) (item 91 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.37 (Proclamation of international years) (item 12); and A/C.2/53/L.38 (International Year of Ecotourism) (item 12)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/

784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. United Nations pension system [121]

Application of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization/General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for withdrawal from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/53/9/Add.1 and A/53/696)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11 and A/53/7/Add.6)); 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)); and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/513, A/52/867 and A/53/508))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

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* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [155]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.20/Rev.1

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and the property [148]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.19/Rev.1

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 200 2001
2. Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities i the programme budget and the use of the contingency fun
3. Executive session

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Workin Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 24 November 1998, at a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 24 November 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: organization of work)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on environment and sustainable development (A/C.2/53/L.17))

11 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on environmental issues)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordinating meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	To be announced on the Board

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations will open *today*, 24 November 1998, at 10.30 in the Deputy Secretary-General's Conference Room (room S-3858), and will continue at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. On Wednesday, 25 November, the meetings will be held at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (organized by the delegation of Austria), and on the draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (organized by the delegation of Sweden) *today*, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 41 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), organized by the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, *today*, 24 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be open-ended informal consultations, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, *today*, 24 November 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General on "Arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system" (A/53/170). All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" *today*, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold its briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) *today*, 24 November 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) will be held *today*, 24 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 25 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/488);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.41).
2. Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/170) [58]*.
3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [60]*.

* Items 58 and 60 will be considered together.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Friday, 27 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 51st meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (also on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Benin, China, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Myanmar, the Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam), the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Saudi Arabia.

Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.58

At the request of the representative of South Africa, the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.28 and L.29/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out revisions agreed to at informal consultations.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.29/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.29/Rev.1, the representative of Rwanda, on behalf of the sponsors, announced that A/C.3/53/L.28 was withdrawn.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

A/C.53/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Italy made a correction to the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Pakistan.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Afghanistan.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of South Africa orally revised the draft resolution.

Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Mongolia, Morocco, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, the United States, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Algeria.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Canada, Australia, the United States, Senegal and Cuba.

52nd meeting

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.47

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Austria orally revised the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Liechtenstein and Poland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The representatives of the United States and Canada withdrew from the list as sponsors.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan and Malaysia.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller and Director of the Division of Financial Management Services of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made statements.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. V.K. Shunglu (India), Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe) on Tuesday, 24 November, in the afternoon.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] *(A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item,

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/12 and A/C.5/53/13).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/651).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on the same day, at 6 p.m.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31

December 1994 [137] *(A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and A/53/659)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/14 and A/C.5/53/15).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/659).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on the same day, at 6 p.m.

Other matters

The representative of Costa Rica referred to a number of security matters.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew attention to delays in the issuance in all languages of documentation for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee). At his request, and with the agreement of the Committee, the Chairman stated that he would bring the matter to the attention of the relevant units in the Secretariat.

The representative of Uganda requested information concerning document A/53/682.

The representative of Morocco, as well as the Chairman, made statements concerning document A/53/662, which would be reissued once translated into all languages in its entirety.

Monday, 23 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

66th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16/Rev.1)

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Bahrain, Italy, Cameroon, Uganda and the United States.

The President made a statement in the course of which he informed the General Assembly that, as a result of the consultations held on agenda item 59, he had submitted a consensus text which was being circulated in the General Assembly Hall as draft resolution A/53/L.46. He further informed the Assembly that draft resolution A/53/L.16/Rev.1 had been withdrawn by its co-sponsors and that therefore the amendments to draft resolution A/53/L.16/Rev.1 contained in document A/53/L.42 had also been withdrawn by their co-sponsors.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.46 (resolution 53/30).

The President informed the Assembly that he would convene a meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council in order to proceed to the nomination of the two Vice-Chairmen and that he would propose at that meeting the candidatures of H. E. Mr. John de Saram, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Hans Dahlgren, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, for the two posts.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 59.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554 and Corr.1 (English only)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38)

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/53/L.38.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland,

Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Mali, Mongolia, Liechtenstein and Nicaragua.

67th plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 33.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Bangladesh, Senegal, Benin, Burkina Faso, Germany, the Philippines, Ukraine, the United States, Italy, the Republic of Moldova, Swaziland, Hungary, Belarus and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.38 (resolution 53/31).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1))

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 and China), Canada, Croatia, India, Kenya, Japan and Norway.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/227).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822 and A/53/645 and Corr.1 (Arabic and English only))

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on a revolving credit fund, contained in document A/52/822, and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, contained in document A/53/645 and decides to resume consideration of the question of the revolving credit fund at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.20 (A/C.5/53/25 and Corr.1, A/53/32 and Corr.1)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/674).

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Cuba and Mexico (on behalf of Colombia, Spain, the United States, Norway, Venezuela and Mexico).

The Chief of the Political, Legal, and Common Services Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the performance report of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala for the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 and, should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.20, an additional appropriation of $22,640,800 would be required under section 3 (Peacekeeping operations and special missions) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $2,465,700 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). These requirements would be considered in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22/Rev.2 (A/53/33)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.22/Rev.2, an additional appropriation of $184,300 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $34,800 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). These requirements would be considered in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Chile, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Chief of the Political, Legal, and Common Services Service of the Programme Planning Budget Division responded to questions posed.

Following a proposal by the Chairman to refer the question to informal consultations, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Algeria, New Zealand, Cuba and Uganda.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

The Chief of the Economic, Social and Human Rights Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised at the Committee's 28th meeting held on 16 November 1998.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports on United Nations publications (A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/669)

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

34th meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] *(A52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)*

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] *(A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Uganda, the United States and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1998

362nd meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

363rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item by adopting conclusions and recommendations on Tunisia.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the twenty-first session of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1998

37th and 38th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Switzerland (E/1990/5/Add.33). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1998

39th and 40th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Switzerland (E/1990/5/Add.33) and began its consideration of the third periodic of Germany (E/1998/104/Add.14). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government (Germany) and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of These Prescriptions. Geneva, 20 March 1958

Accession: Latvia (19 November 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Uruguay (23 November 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Uzbekistan (20 November 1998)

Signature: Czech Republic (23 November 1998)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Nicaragua (18 June 1998)

Signature: Senegal (20 November 1998)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Belgium (25 June 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Belgium (24 June 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Belgium (24 June 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

Today, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Today, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will also open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 4 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 24 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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